

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Continuation application of  
Appln. Serial No. 09/174,977

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Atty Docket - 2303

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Preliminary to taking action in the above-identified application, please amend as follows:

Please change the title to --COMPOSITION FOR  
ABSORBING OXYGEN IN AN OXYGEN/CARBON DIOXIDE ENVIRONMENT--.